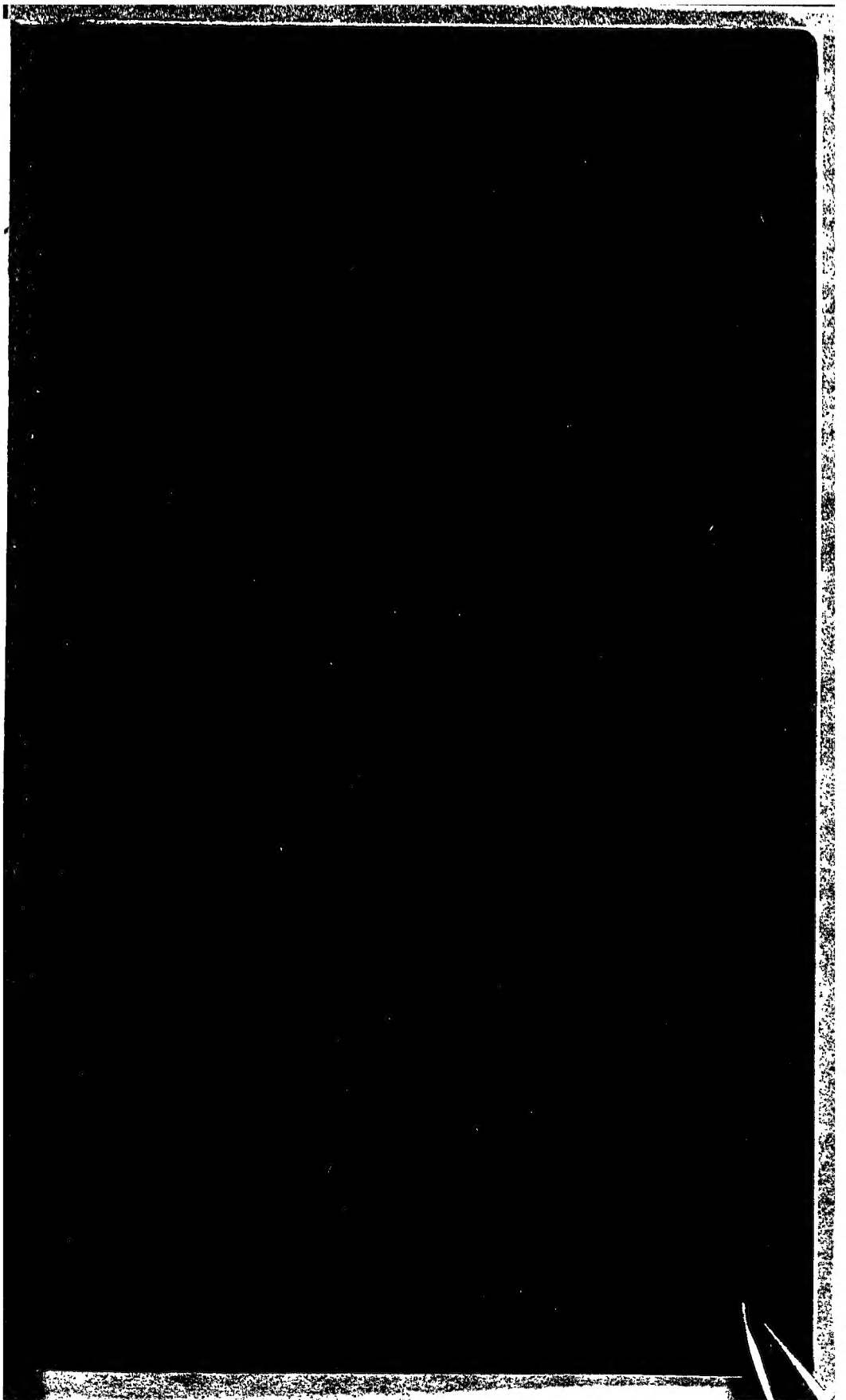


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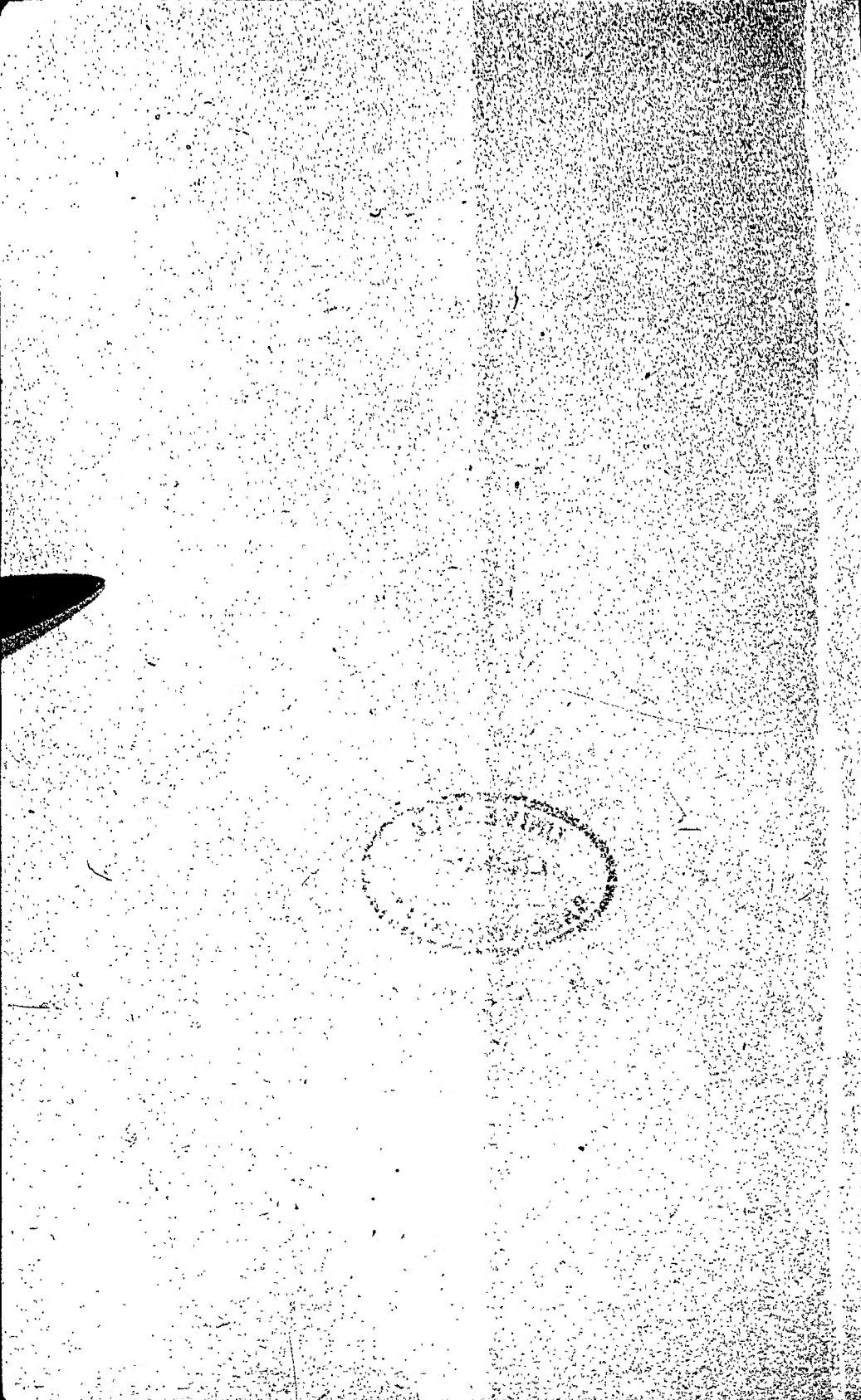
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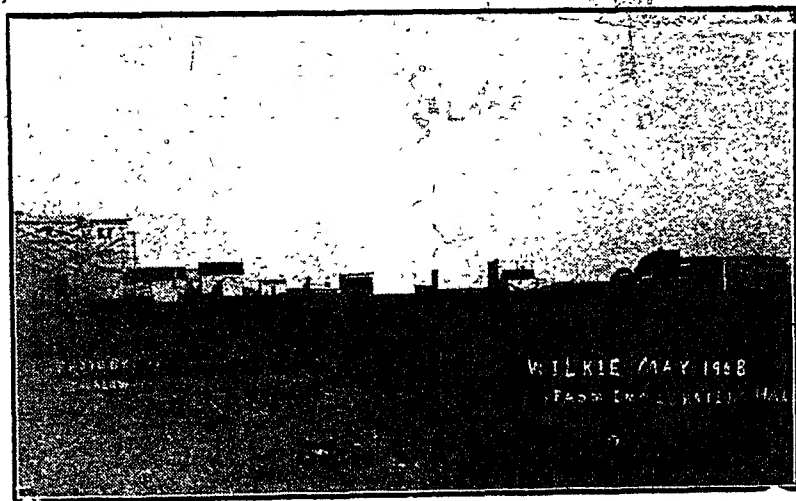
THE TOWN OF WILKIE, SASKATCHEWAN

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Owing to the rapid advancement made in the town of Wilkie, Saskatchewan, 100 miles west of Saskatoon, many of the inhabitants have made requests from time to time that an illustrated pamphlet be produced showing the general type of buildings, etc., that the town possesses, and in order to do this much time and trouble has been taken on the part of those interested in the welfare of the town and district. It is not possible to describe fully exactly what has taken place here in

the up-building of what is certain to become an important railroading centre, but this concise descriptive booklet will give some idea of progress made and the possibilities of the future.

Wilkie has been chosen as a divisional point by the Canadian Pacific Railway, on account of its unique position as a distributing centre. The illustration, a general view of the town, gives some idea of the activity that has taken place since its foundation in the spring of 1908.



The settling of this part of the country commenced with the inrush of settlers in the fall of 1905 and the spring of 1906 anxious to procure homesteads and to commence farming operations. Previous to this there was scarcely a settler between Battleford, on the north and

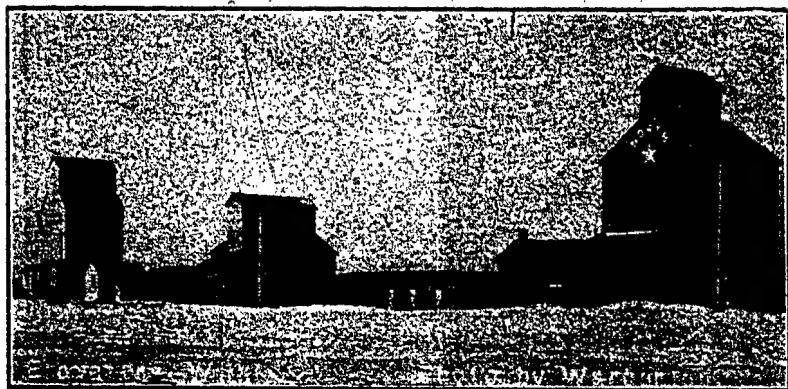
the main line of the C. P. R. on the south, only an odd rancher. The immigrants flocked in by the thousands in the spring of 1906, all coming south looking for free Government land, and the settlement of this country had begun. In the spring of 1906 Mr. C. J. Logan started a general

store on 4-40-19, on the adjoining section to the present townsite of Wilkie, the settlement being named Glenlogan. Mail was received here once a week, settlers coming from miles around to obtain provisions, etc. and to collect mail, thus saving a 35 mile trip further north, to Battleford.

The fall of 1906 showed quite an improvement on the prairie, shacks could be seen dotted here and there as far as the eye could see, with small strips of breaking which had been done by the Pioneers. The theme principally discussed in those days was the C. P. R. branch from Saskatoon to this

point, which had already been surveyed.

The spring of 1907 brought more settlers than ever, each day new dwellings seemed to be erected. Breaking commenced in earnest in this year, and a small amount of land was also under crop. Construction on the C. P. R. branch was being pushed through to Wilkie that summer and fall and the townsite was surveyed on 5-40-19, W. 3 M. Late that fall, the first building was erected, it being the Pioneer Hardware established by Messrs. Gunn & Scott and now owned by Messrs. McMillan, Reid & Moore; also Simpson Bros. Lumber Yard.



ELEVATORS AT WILKIE, SASK.

Early in the spring of 1908 building operations made tremendous headway, C. J. Logan's general store and post office being moved to the townsite; the Government Immigration Hall, Wilkie Hotel, Empire Hotel, J. G. Potvin's pool room, Burlingham & Speers general store, F. A. Sitter's drug store,

F. W. Ball's real estate office, livery barns, lumber yards and many other business places being established. The following clipped from the Pioneer Edition of the Wilkie Press of Aug. 12th, 1908, will give a good idea of the rapid growth of the town during that spring and summer:—

"Situated on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, between Winnipeg and Edmonton, 103 miles west of Saskatoon and 35 miles southwest of Battleford, Wilkie is destined to become the next big town. Already, a month in advance of the track-laying machine, it is a town of three hundred population. There are thirty business buildings, a fact which says much for the enterprise of the wide-awake business men who have laid the foundations of a coming city. Let it be remembered that every bit of building material, every stock of merchandise, every article of furnishings has been brought overland for nearly thirty-five miles at an immense expense added to the ordinary freight. With justifiable pride therefore the following list of going concerns is published:—

Two fine hotels,
Two general stores,
Two hardware stores,
Three lumber yards,
Three livery and feed stables,
Two restaurants,
Drug store,
Tin shop,
Blacksmith shop,
Meat market,
Barber shop and pool room,
Bakery,
Jewelry store,
Two real estate offices,
Physician's office,
Furniture store,
Bus and transfer line,
Harness shop,
Newspaper,

Shoe shop,
Laundry,
Photograph gallery,
Bank,
Four contractors and builders,
Four painters and decorators,
Millinery store,
Methodist church,
Anglican church,
Immigration hall.
R. N. W. M. P. post with three permanent officials.

Wilkie is situated upon a splendid rise of land that not only makes the whole town visible for a great distance, but also furnishes splendid drainage. The water is of a most excellent quality and is found in abundance at a depth of 25 feet. The greatest confidence in the future of Wilkie is expressed by all who have investigated. The principal banking institutions have purchased lots in the town-site upon which they intend shortly to erect substantial buildings. Elevators will be built this fall to handle the output of the farms in the district.

The rise of the town has been rapid. On April 1st, 1908, there were but three buildings and less than a dozen persons. On July 1st, 1908, a thousand people attended the Wilkie Dominion Day celebration and were delighted with the entertainment provided and impressed by the substantial appearance of both business places and residences. The buildings now number sixty and each now week sees some new work begun. With the coming of the railway service

next month we may confidently look for an influx which will tax every accommodation to the utmost.

Already the necessary steps have been completed incorporating Wilkie. Business and the professions are becoming well represented. The Wilkie District is rapidly filling up with an excellent people, Canadians and Americans principally, all energetic, resourceful and unhesitatingly confident of the future.

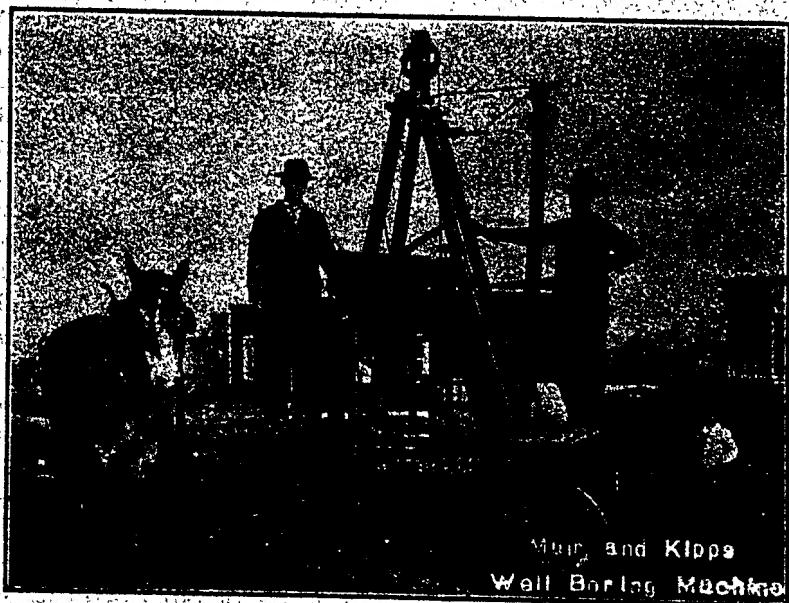
The Speers-Ross Ltd. elevator was built that fall and grain shipped out by rail.

The C. P. R. side tracks were laid in the fall of 1908 and a Y built, also extra yards were built on Section 4 for construction yards, Wilkie being made

headquarters for construction work west of here. The round-house and station were also built and operations well under way on the construction of the elevated coal dock the same year.

A Board of Trade was formed in September, a Village Council and School Board were elected. Previous to the formation of the Board of Trade a Citizens Committee had been formed.

The 12th of September was a red letter day in the history of the town, steel being laid into Wilkie that day, and this important event was duly celebrated. The first passenger train passed over this line on November 2nd.



Muir and Kipp's

Well Boring Machine

Muir & Kipp's Well-boring Outfit at Work in Wilkie

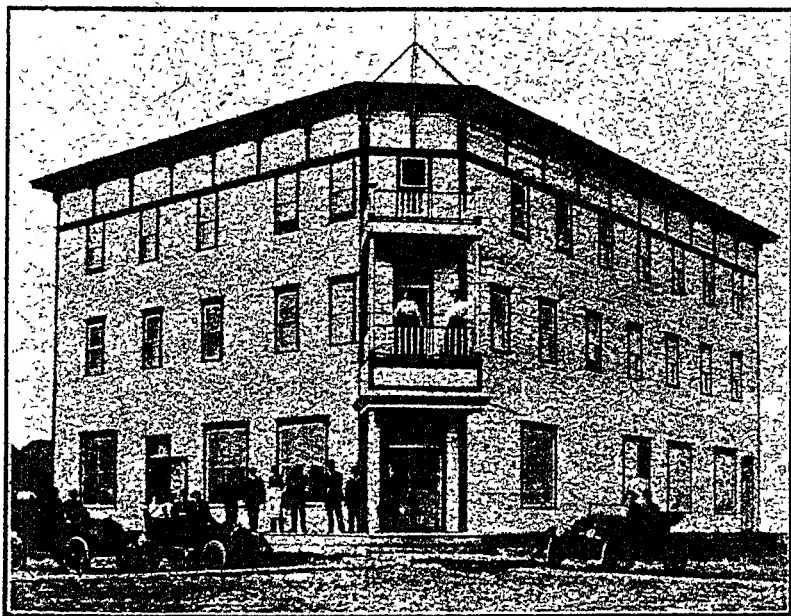
The spring of 1909 was also a busy season, numerous residences going up and many more large business places; the growth of the town being steady and sure. This year many permanent improvements were made, sidewalks being laid and roads graded. Better service came into effect on the C. P. R., mail coming in more regular, and better passenger service being installed.

The Field hall was erected by present owner, Mr. E. T. Field. The hall is one of the largest anywhere in this part of the country and has seating accommodation for over 500 persons and a large stage 26 x 40. The

floor is laid with edge grain fir and gasoline lights illuminate the building.

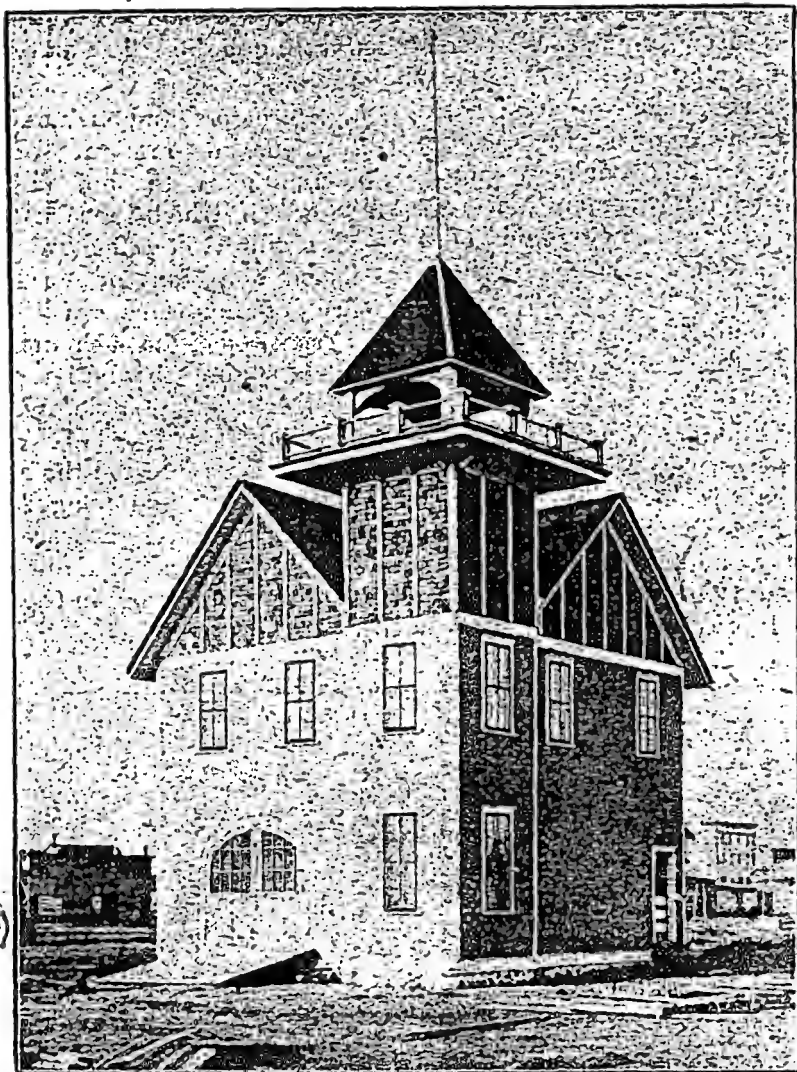
Crops were good and business brisk, a large amount of grain coming in to the elevators here, of which there are three. A sub-land office was established here for the convenience of homesteaders in this district, and east, south and west, thus saving them a long and expensive trip to Battleford or Saskatoon.

Speers & Ross erected their large cement barn and managed a horse exchange. Horses were shipped in by the carload and disposed of to farmers in the surrounding districts.

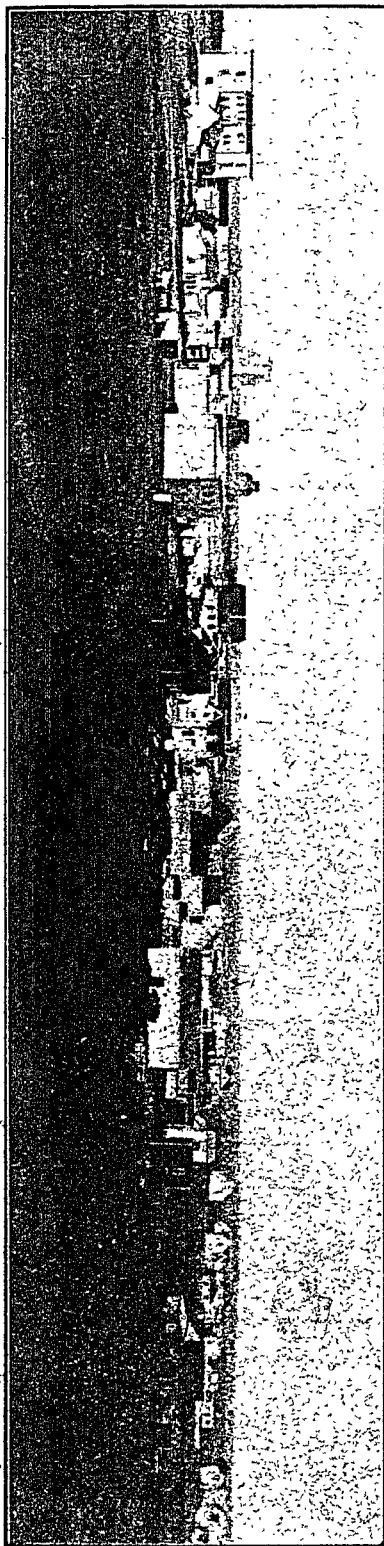


The Empire Hotel

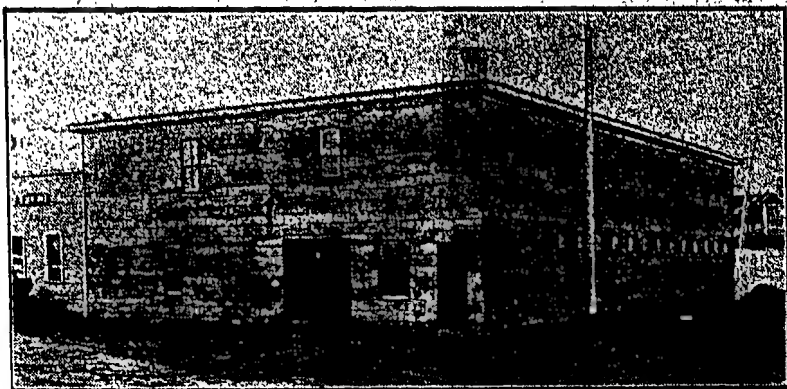
Built in 1908 by Messrs. Dunbar & Suffern; at present owned by Messrs. McAllister & Mackenzie,



This magnificent fire hall was erected this fall for the express purpose of a fire hall. It is 28x32ft., with a bell and hose tower and has a large engine room down stairs. Upstairs there are four rooms: one large assembly room for council meetings, etc., one room used by the Secy.-Treas. of the Buffalo Municipality No. 409, and L.I.D. No. 408, and two small rooms which have been allotted to the town policeman and fire men, to sleep in. Two chemical engines have been installed and a fire brigade formed and every precaution is being taken to insure efficient fire protection. The hall is heated from a furnace in the basement. A 44" bell with a fire-alarm clapper is hung in the belfry for alarm purposes.



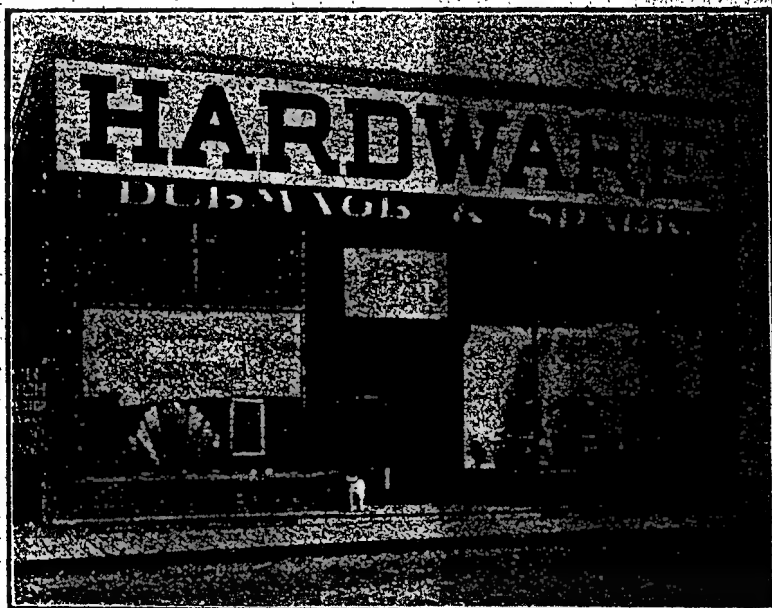
The present year has shown a marked improvement over any previous one, both in the advancement of the country in general and development in business and agricultural circles. The good crops of last year are chiefly responsible for the increased activity among farmers throughout the district and more than double the amount of land was turned over this spring, steam plowing outfits playing an important part in bringing about this desired and encouraging result. A number of settlers who located near Wilkie some time ago invested their money in more up-to-date machinery capable of producing best results in the shortest time, and in every direction could be seen the steam and gasoline plowing outfits busily engaged turning over the virgin prairie to be made ready for next season's crops. Many farmers, realizing the excellent opportunities to be gained in the agricultural field, purchased adjoining quarter and half sections and these men may consider themselves extremely fortunate. The great influx of settlers in the spring all anxious to locate and eager to commence farming operations, created a considerable demand in marketable goods and general merchandise and especially in horses and farm machinery. Early in the spring the town itself began to derive continued benefit and



Cement Barn, Built by Speers & Ross, Horse Exchange

income from these sources and local improvements were entered into immediately, many new buildings, stores, etc., being erected.

One of the most important land deals that was negotiated here was the purchase of a farm early in April in the Narrow Lake district, eight miles north

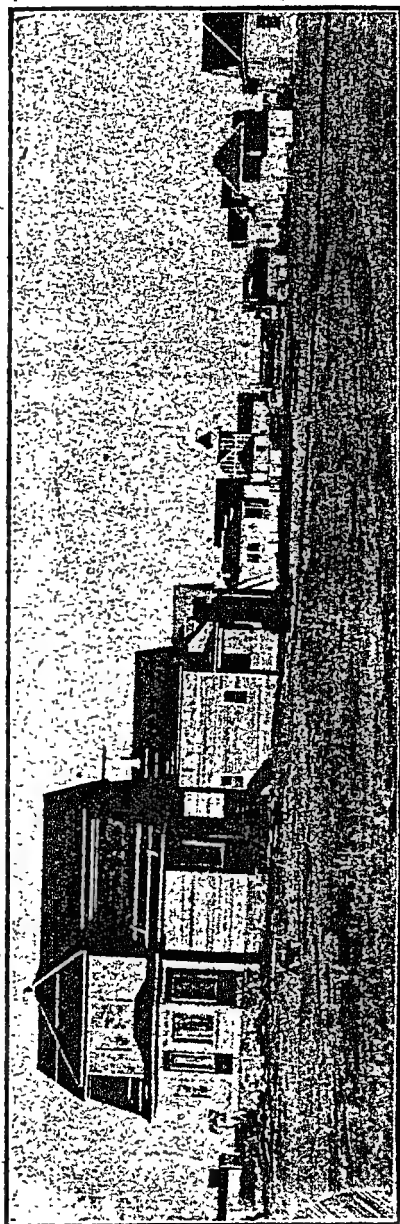


Erected in the spring of 1909. This building has a floor space of 50 x 70 feet. The store is equipped with solid oak fixtures throughout, and four Bowser pumps elevate various oils from the basement to warehouse, separating all water that may be contained in the mineral oils during the operation. A complete and up-to-date stock of general hardware supplies is carried.

of Wilkie. The purchasers were Messrs. W. H. and F. M. Stinespring, of Lafayette, Indiana, who bought 3,200 acres of land for \$55,000 and immediately made arrangements to have the whole farm broken up. Surprising activity in real estate and farm lands in general, took place, a tremendous amount of land being sold in quarters, half-sections and sections, in some instances purchasers buying many sections of land. Town lots have been selling rapidly and an annex was surveyed to comply with the heavy demand. Mr. E. H. Dulmage, who some time ago purchased a quarter section adjoining the townsite on the south side, surveyed a part into lots for residential property and has disposed of a number of them.

Last summer, an enterprising man travelling the country, invested \$5,000 in the purchase of a quarter section adjoining the town on the south, and will, in all probability, in the near future, survey this out too.

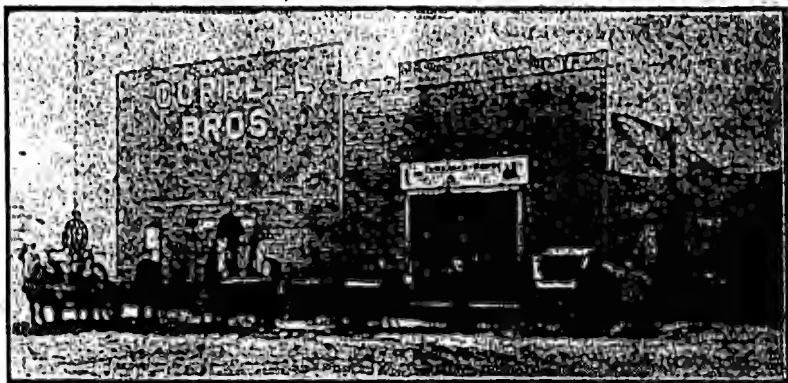
On March 3rd, the farmers of the Narrow Lake district organized a Grain Grower's Society and have derived much benefit



A View of Leslie Street, Wilkie, from the South

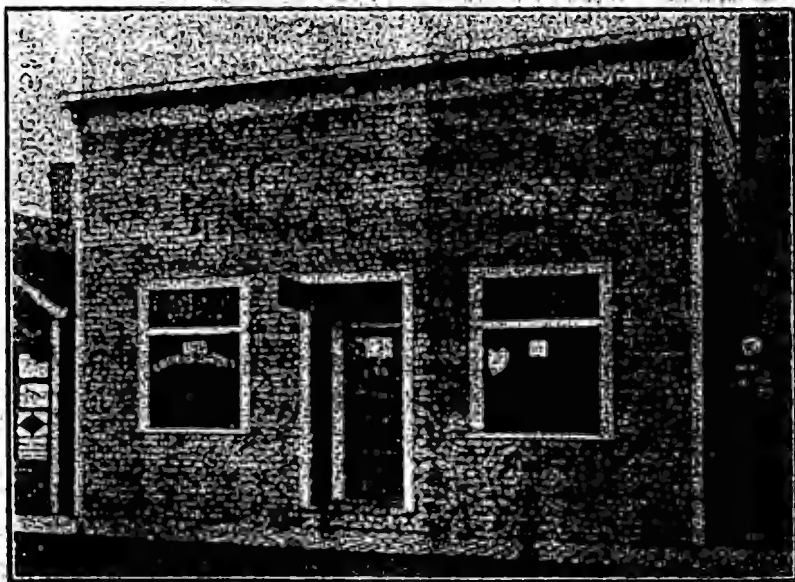
therefrom and are daily making sure headway, developing into a strong institution.

Among local improvements that have taken place in the town are a large fire hall, or-



Correll Bros. Dray Line and Turnbull Bros. Premises

This dray line was the first to be established in Wilkie in 1908 by Turnbull Bros., who were among the early settlers in this district. They have also built up an extensive implement business, handling some of the best makes in farm machinery. They sold their dray line to Correll Bros. this year, who manage their business from this office.



Wilkie Law Office

Erected this year by Messrs. Laycock & Hartney, Barristers and Solicitors, who have branch offices at Saskatoon and Kerrobert. Mr. Ernest Laycock located here in 1908, erecting temporary premises on Imperial Avenue. These offices are splendidly equipped and a large strong room and fire-proof vault is included in the building. It contains large general office and three private offices on ground floor.

ganization of a brigade, and installation of fire-fighting appliances, extra side-walks laid, street grading, etc. It has since been decided by the Council to provide the town with better fire protection, chemical engines not being considered adequate for serious emergencies, and a water-works proposition is under their consideration at the present time. The town assessment is a straight land tax which has proven most satisfactory, the rate of taxation this year being 8 mills to the dollar. The town debentures up to date sold at 5 per cent.

Many railway activities have also taken place: a through freight service being established on this line, running from Winnipeg in Manitoba to Edmonton in Alberta. It is expected that a through passenger service will be in operation in the spring as soon as the road bed over this line is in proper shape, this being the shortest route on C. P. R. between these cities. The freight yards have been considerably enlarged, stock yards constructed and a turntable and cinder pit installed at the round house.

Early in August a town band consisting of 15 instruments, was formed and the organization is making excellent headway.

The Government of Saskatchewan installed a telephone system in town and 46 subscribers names appear on the list. Rural telephone service is being

agitated and connections will be made for long-distance calls via Saskatoon, next summer, it is expected.

The Village was incorporated as a Town, this fall, the census showing a population of 544.

Next year promises to be a progressive one. The C. P. R. construction plans show three branch lines running from here to different points of the fertile farming country surrounding this town, which includes the famous Cut Knife and Tramping Lake districts, also the Narrow Lake and Starview districts. These branch lines are proposed as follows, and may be seen in the map included in this pamphlet and supplied by the C. P. R.:— A line running north and north-westerly from Wilkie; a line running southerly from Wilkie; a line running southerly and easterly from Wilkie. The line running north, is through the famous Cut Knife district and the one south easterly, into the Tramping Lake district. Thus, Wilkie promises to be not only a divisional point but a very important distributing centre for this large and fertile country. The growth of Wilkie has been sure and steady no boom having been experienced, and it is expected that the coming spring will see a still larger influx of settlers than any of the previous seasons.

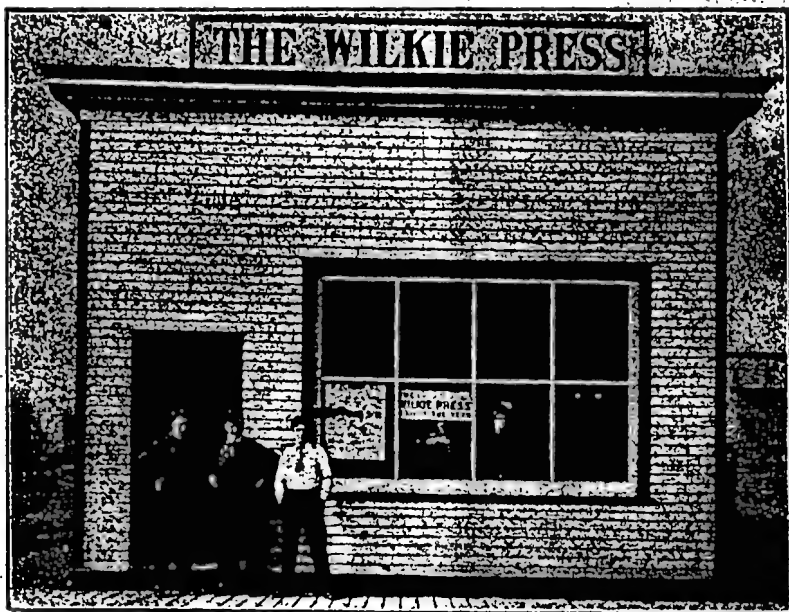
A short write-up of the districts surrounding this town, will be found following this,

and contains some very interesting information advantageous to settlers intending to come to The Canadian West.

In conclusion, we might state that there are a number of openings in this town for energetic business men in various lines. A list of all the different businesses established here, may be found in the directory herein and if your line of busi-

ness is not represented, please notify the Board of Trade for further information, which they will be glad to furnish.

Practically all the illustrations that appear in this pamphlet, were taken by G. B. Warburton, the proprietor of the Wilkie Studio, who went to a great deal of trouble to produce best results for the occasion. He has the best equipped studio west of Winnipeg.



The newspaper was established during the early part of the development of the town, by Mr. Ing. D. Carson. The first issue was produced on August 12th, 1908, in the form of a four-column eight page paper. Since then the building has been enlarged and new machinery installed and the paper also has been enlarged to six columns. On April 1st, 1910, the present proprietors, Messrs. George & Carter, purchased the business from the former proprietor. Having received many requests for information regarding Wilkie and the surrounding country it was decided to issue an illustrated pamphlet descriptive of both the town and the districts surrounding. Keep in direct touch with the development of this town and country by subscribing to "The Wilkie Press. Price \$1.00 per year. Outside of Canada, \$1.50.

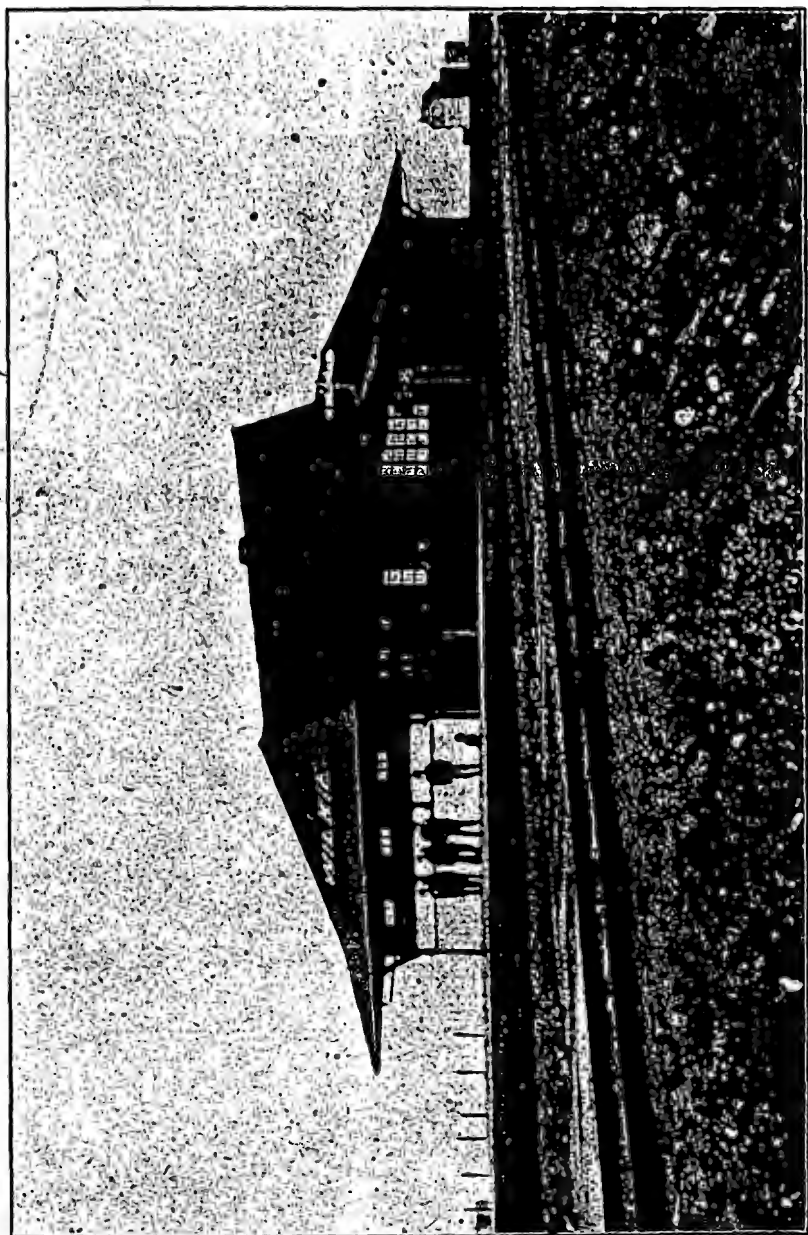
GENERAL DIRECTORY OF THE TOWN OF WILKIE, SASKATCHEWAN

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| Banks—Imperial and Union. | Great Western Bakery & Confectionery Store—A. Ford. |
| Barber Shops—J. G. Potvin, E. Tuck. | Hotels—Empire, Wilkie. |
| Blacksmith Shop—T. Hodgins. | Harness Shop—W. H. Russell. |
| Butcher Shop—McKinnon & Co. | Hardwares—The Wilkie Hardware, McMillan, Reid & Moore; Dulmage & Spark. |
| Bowling Alley — D. McCulloch | Imperial Oil Company's Warehouse—A. McTavish, agent. |
| Contractors—A. J. Arnold, Cockburn & White, E. A. Dinsley, E. B. Gilbert, W. May, H. Saunders, Sternaman & Gee, Thomas & Weber. | Implement Dealers — A. Bell, Threshing and plowing outfits; Logan & Morton, Frost & Wood; P. J. McDonald, Deering; Turnbull Bros, Massey-Harris. |
| Chopping Mill—P. S. Thomas | Immigration Hall—W. G. Hounsell, agent. |
| Churches—English, Methodist, Presbyterian. | Issuer of Marriage Licenses—A. L. Thompson. |
| Dray Lines—Correll Bros., A. McTavish. | Jewelery Store—A. L. Thompson. |
| Drug Store—F. A. Sitter. | Laundry—Chinese. |
| Doctors—R. A. McLurg, M. D.; Wm. E. Schuman, V. S. | Livery, Feed and Sale Stables—Concrete, A. M. Shaw; Central, H. Ward; Pioneer, R. Smith; Wilkie, Cranston & Howden. |
| Elevators—North Star, Winnipeg, Speers-Ross, Ltd. | Lumber Yards—Galvin-Walston, Reliance, Simpson Bros. |
| Flour and Feed Store—Alex. McTavish. | Lawyer—Ernest Laycock, B. A., L.L.B. |
| Furniture & Undertaking—C. J. Logan. | |
| General Stores—P. P. Ellis, J. Mutchmor, A. Schaab. | |

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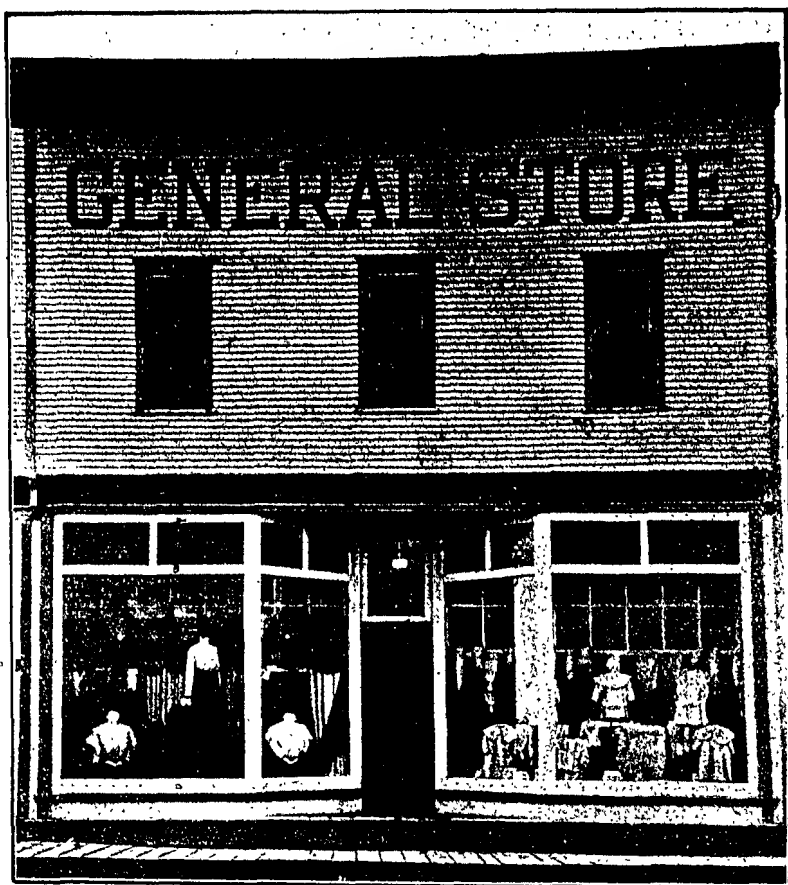
Land Office - Sub Agent.	J. J. Gunn.	Restaurant - Chinese.	R. N. W. M. P. Detachment —
Lodges - I. O. O. F., W. H. Stratton, Rec. Sec.; Free Masons, C. H. Martin, Sec.		Stationery and Fancy Goods, Store	G. B. Warburton.
Machine Shop	Kyle Bros.	Stone Mason--	T. Whittles.
Millinery Store	Mrs. Alfore.	Shoemaker -	W. G. Hounsell.
Newspaper	The Wilkie Press.	Telephone Exchange, Local—	A. L. Thompson.
Published Friday.	George & Carter, Editors and Props.	Village Council—	D. McKinnon,
Official Auditors	E. Laycock, S. C. Bowen-Smith.	Overseer;	A. W. Moore and R. H. Simpson. Sec. Treas., T. A. Dinsley.
Pool-rooms	J. G. Potvin, D. McCulloch.	Board of School Trustees—	W. Cavanagh, D. McKinnon, W. H. Turnbull. T. A. Dinsley, Sec. Treas.
Photographer	G. B. Warburton	Board of Trade—	President, Dr. McLurg; Vice-Pres., E. H. Dulmage; Sec'y., S. C. Bowen-Smith; Treas., J. R. Tweedale; also an Executive committee of eight members.
Painters	T. A. Dinsley, Alfred Halsey.		
Real Estate Agents—	T. Ellis, J. J. Gunn, Bruce Mackenzie of the C.P.R. Lands and Town-site office, R. J. Speers.		

POPULATION -544. Census taken the first week in October, 1910.



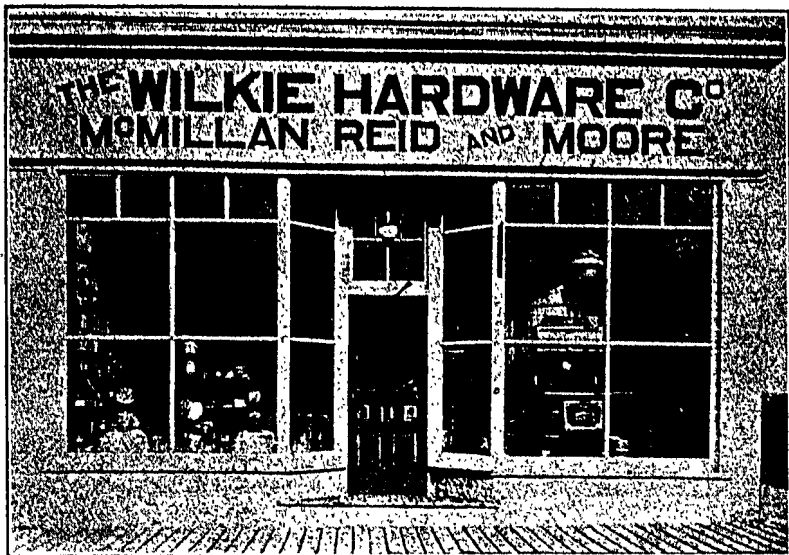
**C. P. R. Station at the Wilkie Divisional Point
Erected 1908**

The C. P. R. yards at Wilkie, which are now being extended, are capable of accommodating more cars than at any other point west of Saskatoon or east of Edmonton. The same year a coal dock, round-house and water tank was erected and a turn-table has just been installed.



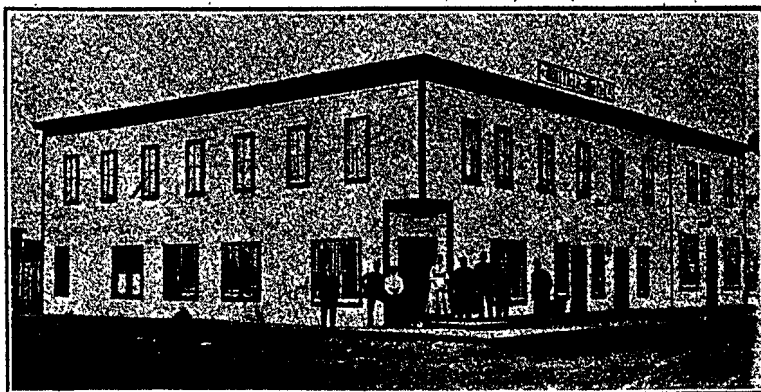
General Store of Mr. A. Schaab

This store was erected in 1908 by Mr. C. J Logan, who is one of the pioneer store keepers who established general stores in various parts throughout this country before railroad activities had commenced. Previous to the erection of this building, he kept a general store and managed the post office on his farm at Glen Logan, one mile north of Wilkie, and upon the foundation of the town, erected larger premises on Imperial Avenue. In 1909 he enlarged that store again and sold the business to present occupier who carries a complete stock of general merchandise.



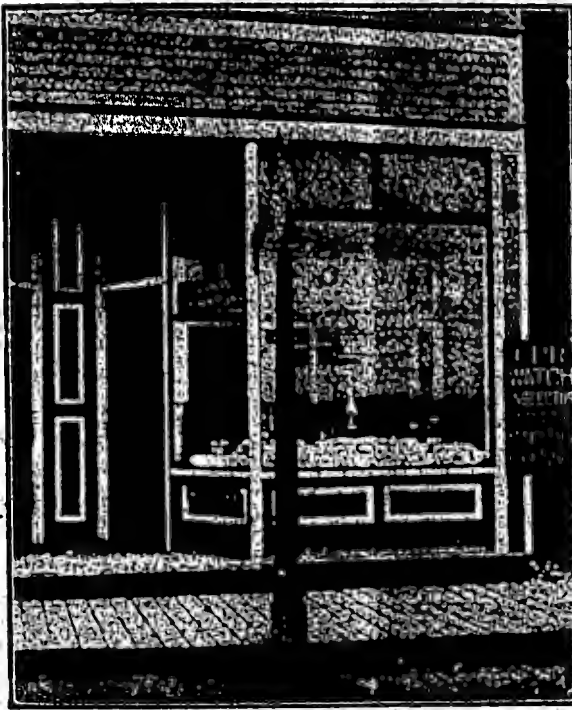
The Wilkie Hardware

Owned by Messrs McMillan Reid & Moore, was the first building to be erected in Wilkie. It was built in 1907 by Messrs. Gunn & Scott who eventually disposed of the business to present owners. A large stock of general hardware and builder's supplies is carried.



The Wilkie Hotel

Was the first hotel to be completed here in the spring of 1908, under the direction of Messrs. Malcolm & Dorman. It has since changed hands and is now owned by Messrs. McCallum & Watt who have recently purchased the house. The proprietors intend adding an additional storey to the hotel next spring.



Thompson's Jewelry Store

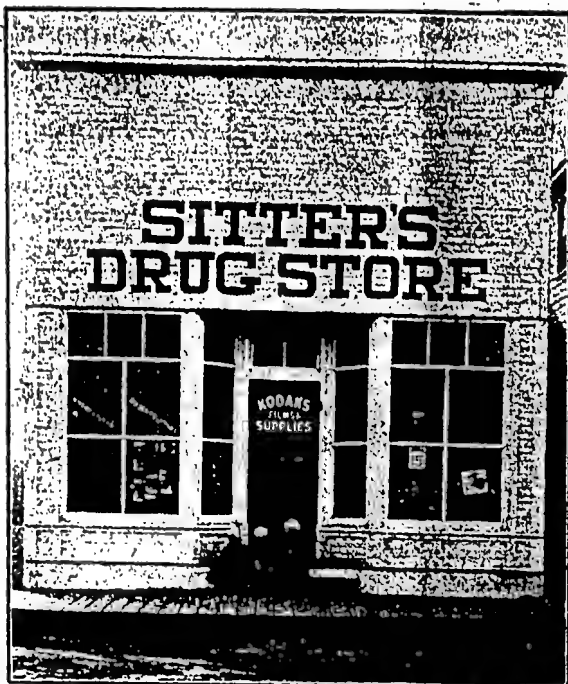
The telephone exchange is located here under the management of the proprietor.

Mr. Thompson is an authorized C.P.R. watch inspector, carries a complete line in every description of high-class jewelry, china and silver ware and is also an issuer of marriage licenses.



Interior of Field Hall, Wilkie

A description of the above hall may be found on another page of this pamphlet.

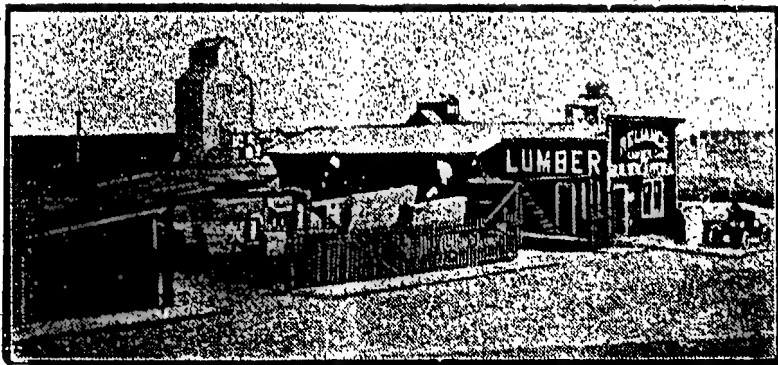


Erected by present owner in 1908. The interior of the store has recently undergone numerous improvements and extensions, a dispensary being also added, 6x20'. Drugs, perfumes, fancy goods, photographic appliances in great variety are on sale here.



Immigration Hall at Wilkie

Erected by the Government early in the spring of 1908. It has spacious accommodation for the convenience of prospective settlers newly arrived in this part of the country. All information necessary to immigrants may be obtained from the Immigration Officer who has charge of the hall.



Reliance Lumber Company's Yard

This yard was first established in 1908 by the Burchard Lumber Co., who sold out to present owners. The latter have since carried on a good business here, and the yard is under the local management of Mr. Blake Ryan.

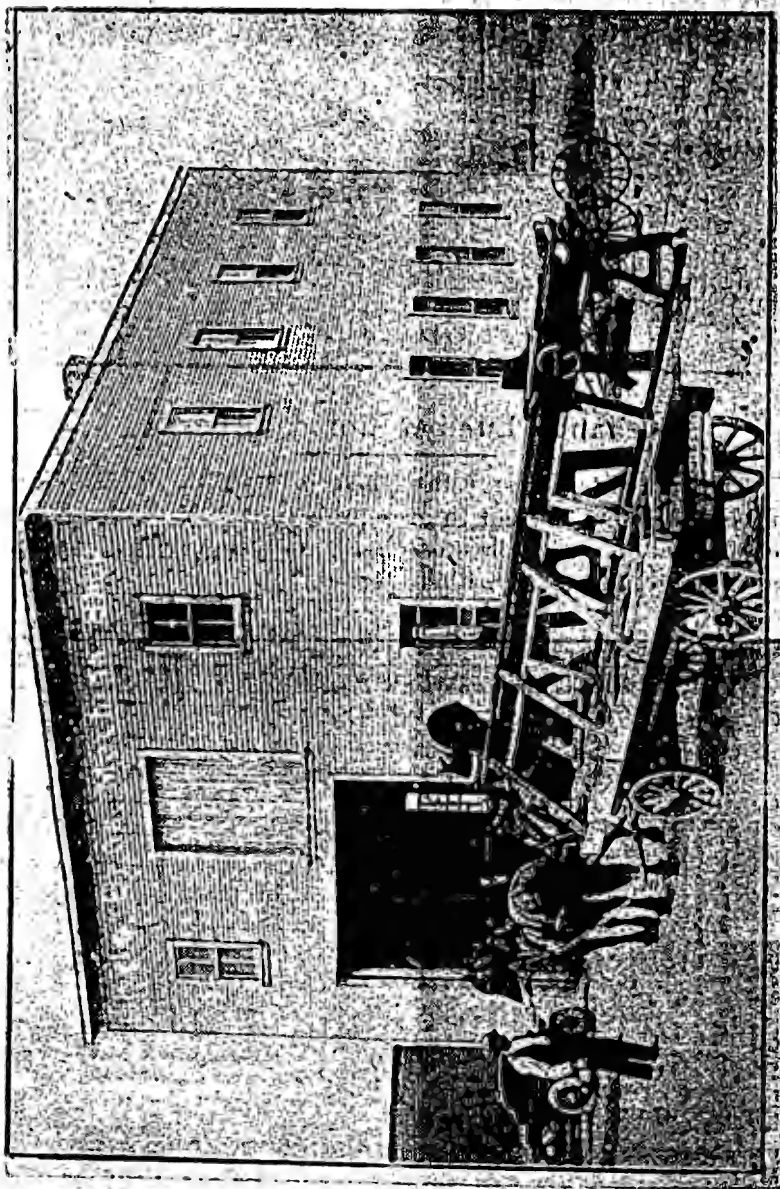


J. Mutchmor's General Store

Was built and established by Messrs. Burlingham & Speers in the early part of 1908. The present owner carried on business from the above firm in 1909. The size of the building is 35x60 and has a large cellar 30x50 and two store rooms. An extensive stock of general merchandise is carried and a good business done among the farming fraternity.



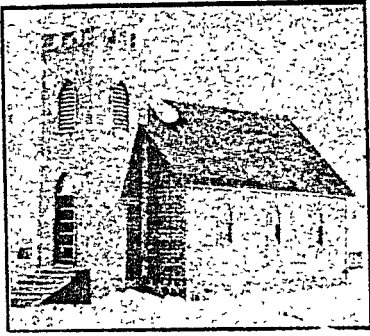
Shaw Library



Kyle Bros. Machine Shop

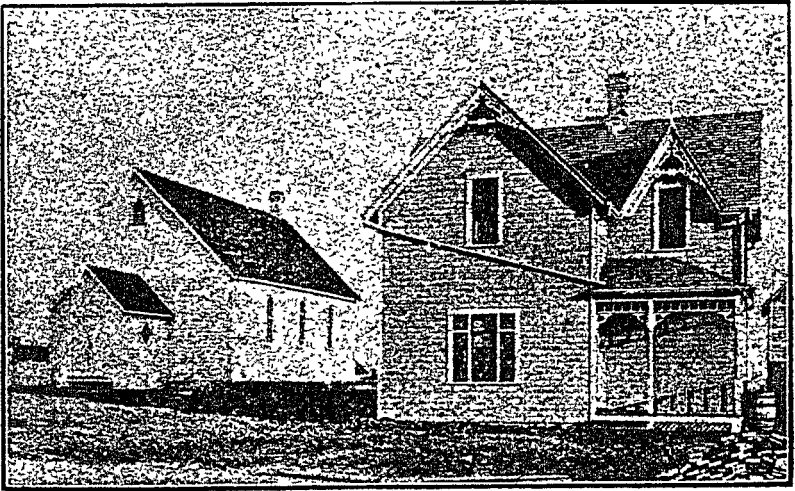
This building was erected in the spring of 1910 by the above firm and a complete up-to-date plant of modern machinery, necessary for the repairs of all kinds of implements, etc. from a fanning-mill to a threshing outfit, has been installed. A gasol-line engine provides the motive power to drive the machinery. Repairs to automobiles, carriages and wagons are also executed.

St. Paul's Anglican Church



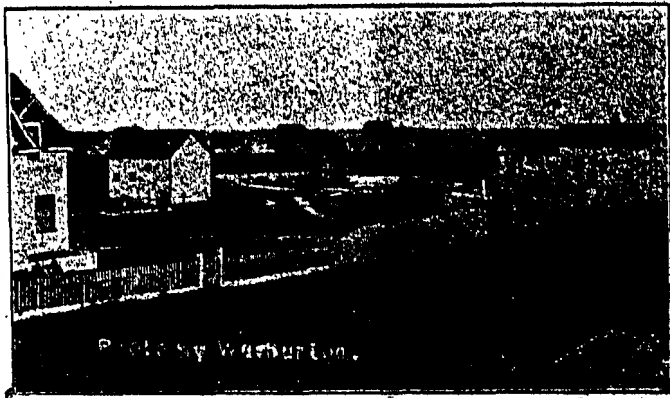
This church, the first to be erected in Wilkie, was built in 1908 by the members of the congregation, a grant having been made through the diocese of Saskatchewan to supply the lumber for the church and also to pay for the lot upon which the building stands. Arrange-

ments have been made to improve the interior of the church and make several necessary additions and a bell will be installed in the tower by Xmas next. Rev. W. Bennett Church has charge of the parish.



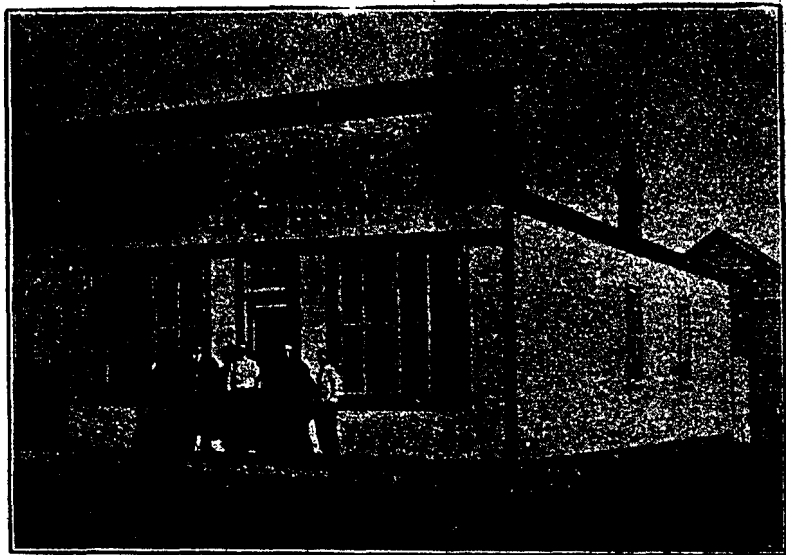
Methodist Church and Parsonage

This church was built in the spring of 1908, during the early history of the town, and was dedicated about a year ago. Since its foundation the church has been greatly improved from time to time and now is very comfortable and attractive. The interior of the building has just been kalsomined which adds materially to its appearance. The parsonage, where Rev. W. H. Stratton resides, was completed this year. It has a most attractive appearance.



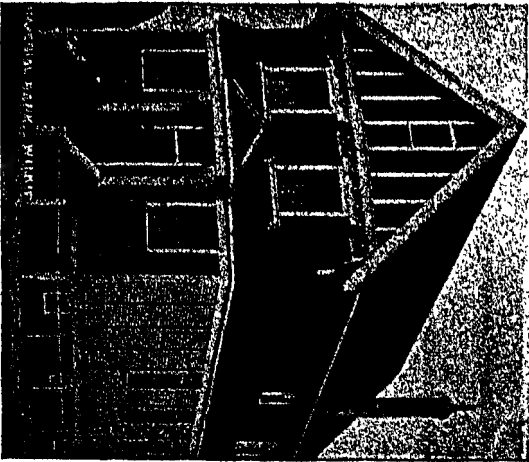
Simpson Bros. Lumber Yard

The above yard was established in 1907, before the railroad had been built into Wilkie. All the lumber was hauled from Battleford, (the nearest town) 35 miles north of here. The lumber supplied by this firm has figured very importantly in the upbuilding of this place and the enterprising proprietors have a large number of interests in the town itself.

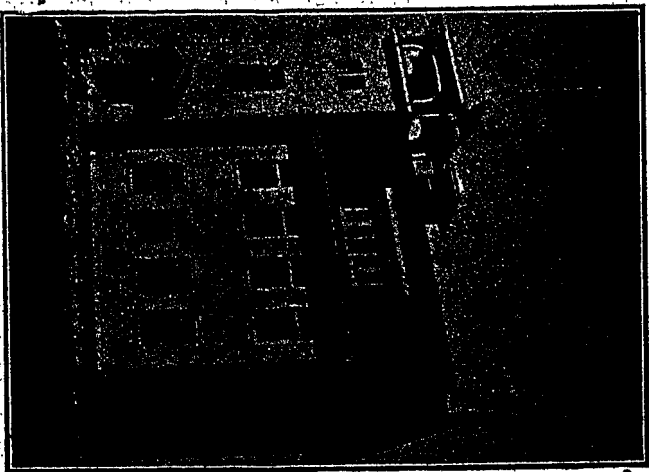


Pool Room and Barber Shop

The above pool room, which is situated opposite the Empire Hotel, was the first pool room to be built here and was erected by the present proprietor, Mr. J. G. Potvin, in 1908. All the appointments are up-to-date and four tables are installed in the building. Also a first class barber shop is run in connection.



Imperial Bank, Wilkie



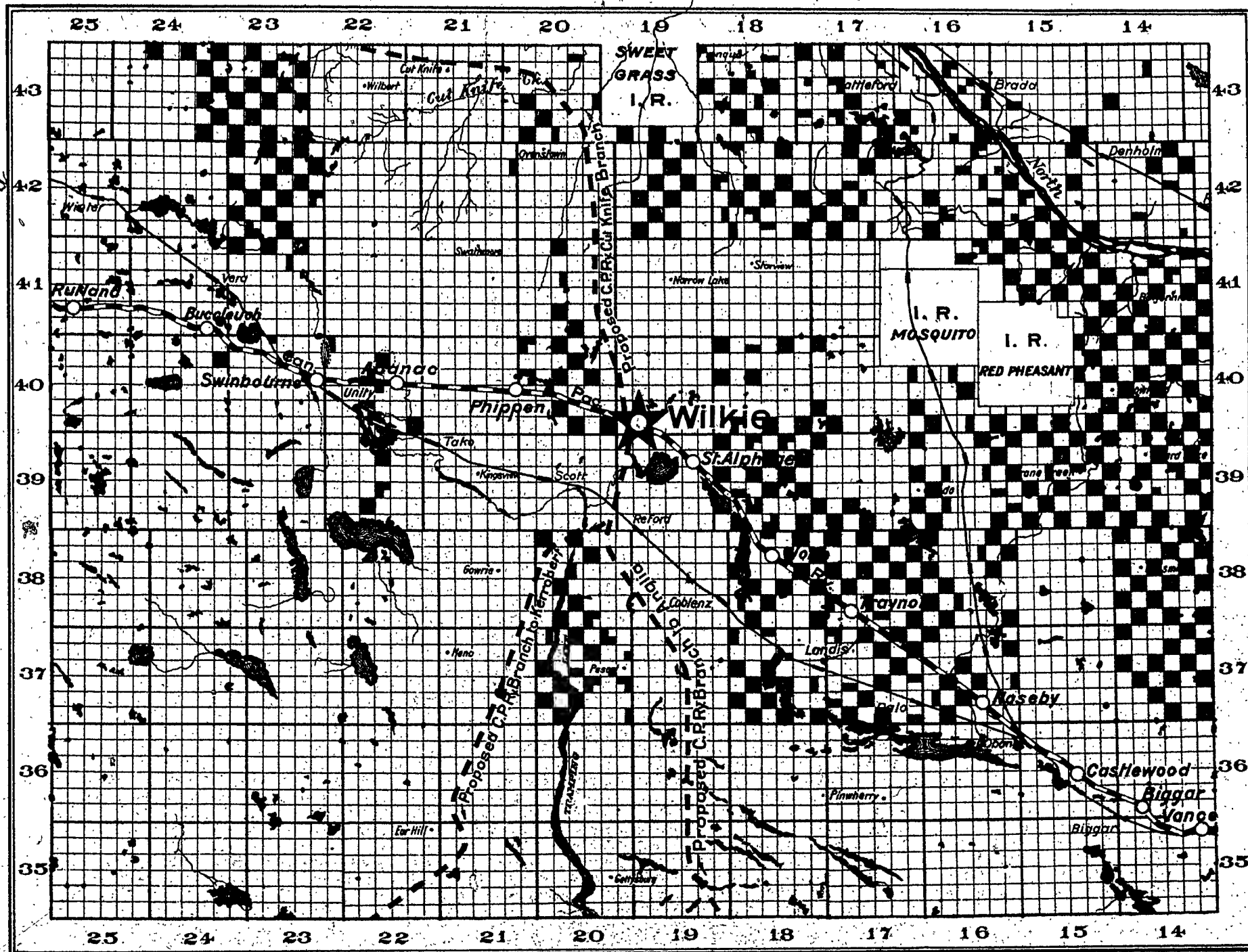
Public School, Wilkie

Increase of Wheat Production in Saskatchewan

Bushels

4,780,440	1898
6,083,508	1899
3,443,671	1900
11,956,069	1901
13,110,330	1902
15,121,015	1903
15,944,730	1904
26,107,286	1905
37,040,098	1906
27,691,601	1907
50,654,629	1908
90,215,000	1909

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Map No. 2, showing lands in Southeastern Saskatchewan.

Map No. 3, showing lands along the Main Line, 3rd to 4th Meridians.

Map No. 4, showing lands in part of Western Saskatchewan, 3rd to 4th Meridians.

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Townsite map, showing location of new towns and branches under construction.

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BUFFALO MUNICIPALITY NO. 409

As several requisitions have come to hand for an outline of the improvements and general progress being made in the vicinity, especially in the Municipality of Buffalo and as the time is now at hand to push the development of the country to its utmost, I would request that you donate a part of the valuable space in your pamphlet, not to boosting our municipality but showing it as it stands, for all will agree with me that no amount of boosting will put any country on as firm a standing as this is to-day.

The Municipality is comprised of the following townships:—Tp. 40, 41 and 42, range 19; tps. 40, 41 and 42, range 20; and tps. 40, 41 and 42, range 21. It is divided into 6 divisions, each division being comprised of a township and a half, the division line running through the centre of Township 41, from east to west. There is a Municipal Council composed of a Reeve and six Councillors, as follows; Reeve—F. A. Black. Councillors—Div. 1—Jas. Harvey; Div. 2—J. S. Campbell; Div. 3—W. G. Code; Div. 4—G. F. Bellamy;



Wheat Field in Narrow Lake District, July 17th, 1910

In defining the limits of the municipality, it is comprised of nine townships and has an area of 324 square miles and includes the Narrow Lake, Ovenstown, Swarthmore and Phippen districts, with, practically speaking, not a foot of waste land within its limits.

Div. 5—Jas. Magee; Div. 6—W. Brockelbank.

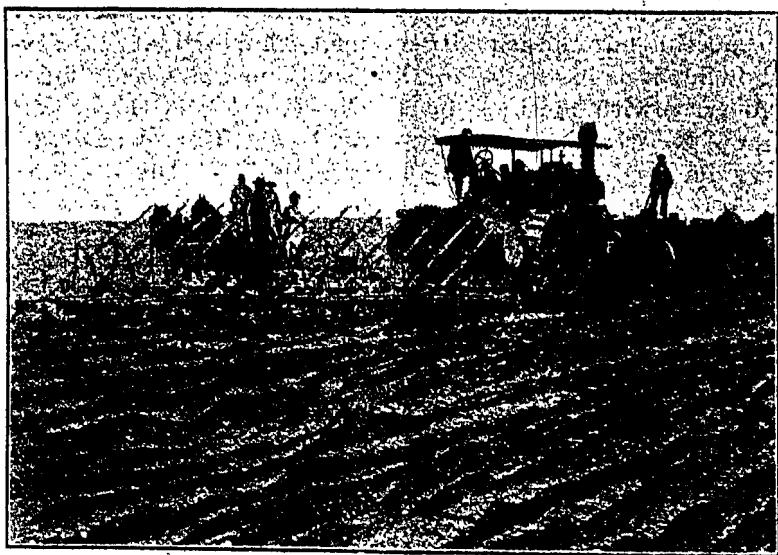
The soil is, generally speaking, a chocolate loam to a depth of some 10 or 12 inches, with a clay subsoil and has been proven this year second to none for the growing of high class cereals.

With what has been consider-

ed by farmers all over the west as an exceptionally poor year, crops here on summer-fallow have gone as high as 37 bushels per acre with an average of from 21 to 25 bushels per acre all through which certainly shows that the farmers are not using the advantage of having a good soil in any haphazard way.

The land is slightly rolling all

any agricultural land in the Province. While this might seem to the inexperienced a disadvantage, it is far from being such, as the amount of rainfall in an ordinary year is quite sufficient to bring crops to maturity and the danger from frost and rust is almost nil. Then again, the water supply is good here, it and is all over the Municipality, very little trouble



Breaking on the Prairie with a Steam Plowing Outfit

through, which is in itself a guarantee against the hot winds which do so much damage on really level tracts.

The eastern side of the municipality is quite rolling, that of the middle more gently rolling on the north and south sides and merging into hills in the centre, while that of the west is gently undulating and reaches possibly, the highest altitude of

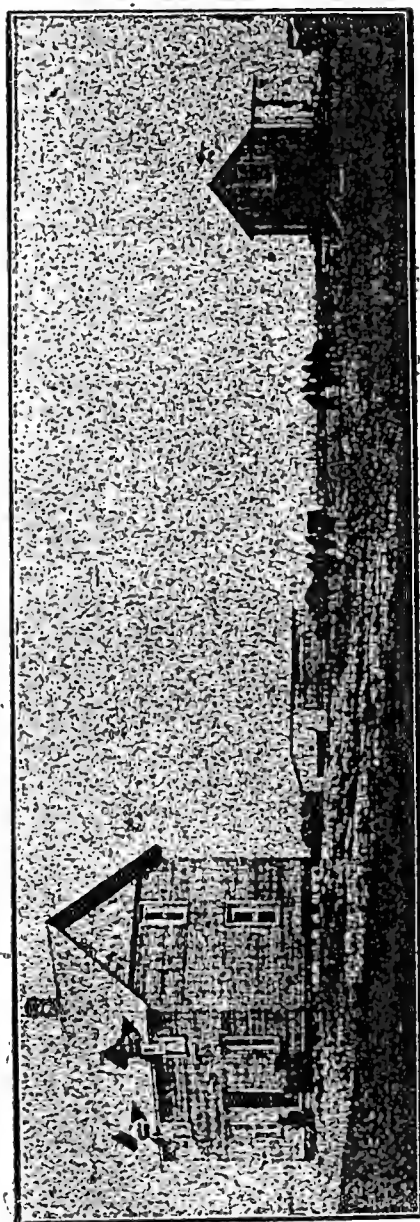
being experienced in getting the best of water anywhere, wells ranging from 12 to 50 feet in depth.

And it is not only as a trouble saver that this water supply helps, but as a factor in bringing into the Municipality a divisional point and railway centre, that of the C. P. R. Ry., the town of Wilkie, which means a better town in every way and princi-

These two enterprising young farmers took up land on the S. W. of 2-41-19 and S. W. 14-41-19, in the summer of 1906 and erected sod buildings. They have farmed so successfully that they have since purchased another section of land on 15-41-19 and have erected the substantial residence and other buildings as shown in this illustration. The residence is 18 by 24 with stone basement, and the barn measures 28 by 34 and contains eight double stalls and large hay loft. Last year they had 625 acres under crop, with an average yield of 25 bus. of wheat to the acre. The stock comprises 12 head of horses; also cattle, pigs, poultry, etc.

The above gentlemen came from England in 1906 and commenced farming operations immediately.

This is only one example out of hundreds that we might have used to illustrate what may be done by energetic farmers and homesteaders and of what is actually being done in this part of the country.



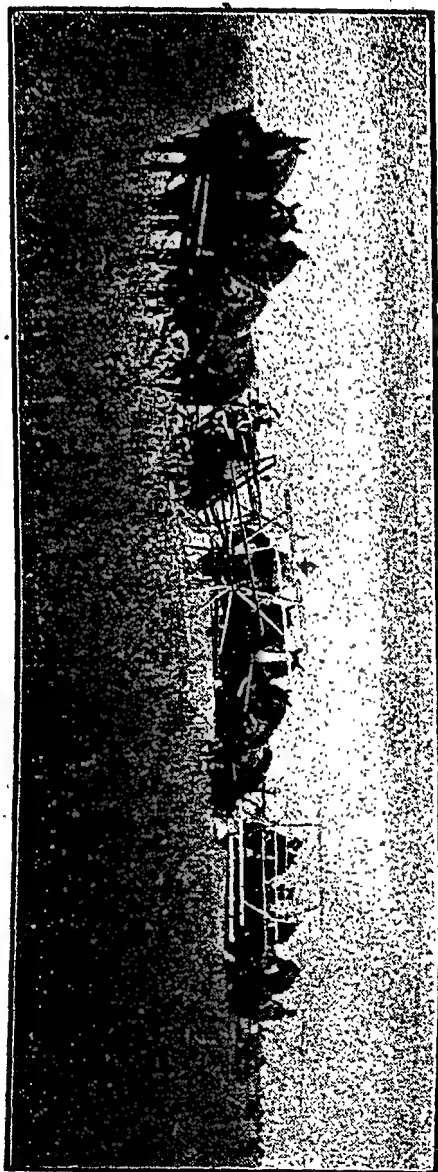
Farm of E. and A. Tregaskis at Narrow Lake

pally from the farmers view point.

Already, in this Municipality, seven first-class elevators have

been built to accommodate the shipments of wheat, oats and barley with the promise of more next year.

Binders at work on Farm of H. Ward, about four miles west of Wilkie

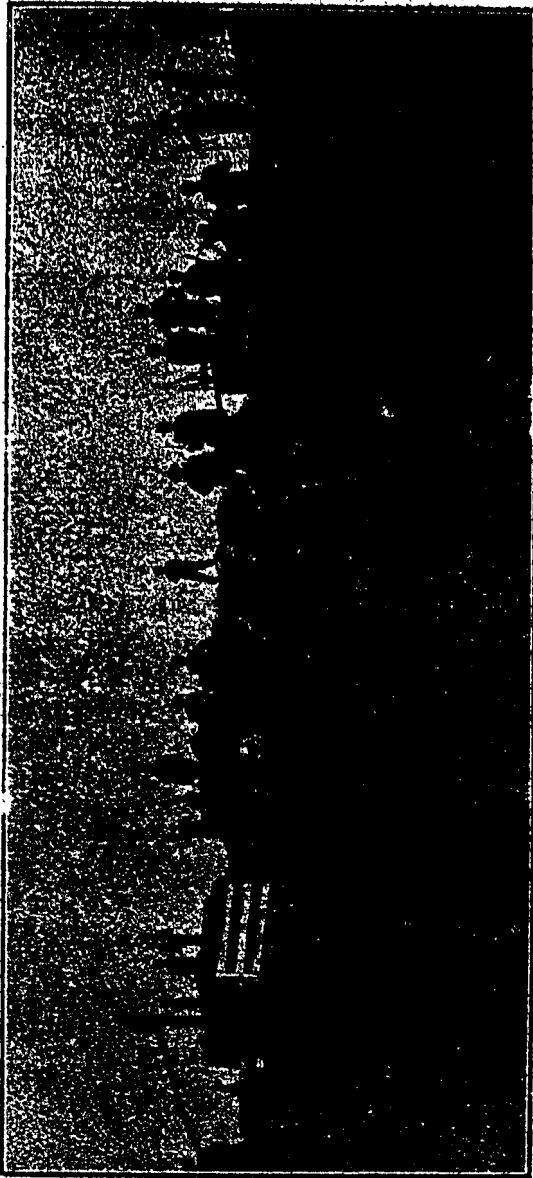


Shipments of wheat alone this year amounting to 200,000 bushels which is a splendid showing for the fourth year's tilling. Owing to the very close if not inaccurate grading of the wheat which has been done the farmers are considering the plan of forming a syndicate to own and control a number of elevators. Great interest is being taken in this plan by all the farmers in the district and it will be a great help to the farmers both as a good dividend paying proposition and by way of getting better grades of grain shipped to the terminals.

It is a tribute to the progressive spirit of the farmers of this district that they are the pioneers in this scheme and, we hope, will prove that farmers unions may be just as strong and successful as any other.

There are at present four districts in the Municipality which are working for the union of farmers in the Grain Growers' Association, namely:—Narrow Lake, Swarthmore, Ovenstown and Phippen, each

of these branch Associations having from 50 to 75 members. These Associations working together are certainly making some much needed reforms. While nothing but minor questions have been dealt with, a



Ben Gee's Threshing Outfit at work in this Municipality

Mr. Gee took up a homestead about four miles west of Wilkie, and wishing to launch out on a larger scale he purchased the above threshing outfit and also a steam plowing outfit. He has done a large amount of breaking during the past year, in this vicinity, and this outfit was the first to commence plowing in this neighborhood last spring. He also received a large share of threshing, the work done being of a satisfactory character.

great saving has already been accomplished. The greatest question which has been before the Association was that of threshing, the exorbitant price per bushel set by the Threshermen's Union, making it neces-

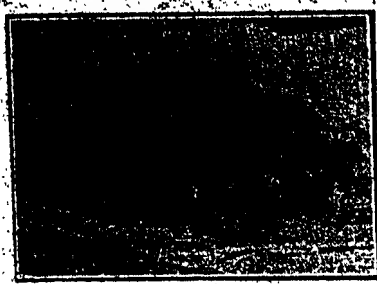
sary that something be done to get fair play for the farmer, it was decided to offer the threshermen a price which was considered fair to both parties, and this price was finally accepted by the threshermen and meant

a saving to the Narrow Lake branch alone of over \$1100.00. Three delegates have been chosen to represent these Associations at the Conference at Ottawa where it is confidently expected that this first great move for the rights of the farmers of Western Canada will be respected.

The improvements of roads is one of the greatest questions before the people at present. This question was first taken up in 1907 when Local Improvement Districts were first formed but it was soon found that the power of the L. I. D. was too limited to make any lasting improvements so for this reason the L. I. Districts were disorganized and Municipalities formed. Under the guidance of the Municipal officers the road question has been well handled with the result that we have some 300 miles of graded roads at present. This year alone

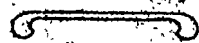
there has been spent over \$7420 on grading and \$525 on tools and machinery.

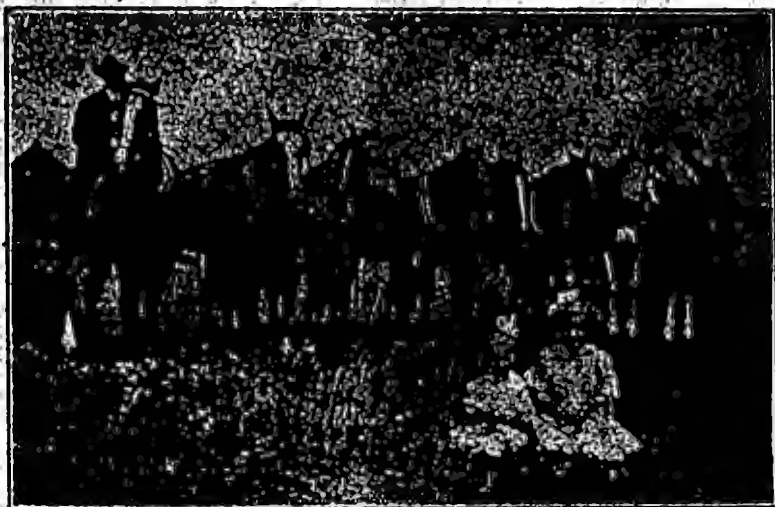
F. J. Harvey,
Sec'y-Treasurer.



Choice Potatoes

These potatoes were grown on the farm of Mr. C. McGill, who resides about 4 miles north of Wilkie. They are a variety known as the "Woe McGregor" and seem well adapted to the soil in this district. The yield was exceedingly heavy.

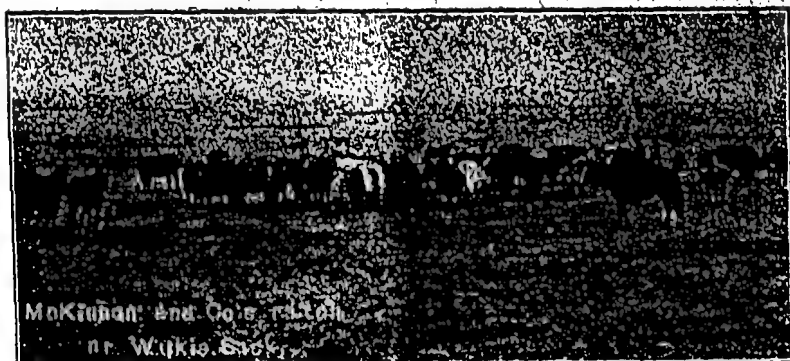




The above outfit belongs to W. G. Code, Councillor for Division 3. Mr. Code was one of the first settlers to locate in the above district and has made splendid headway during the past 3 years. He took up a homestead on the N. W. 14-41-31, and has purchased a half section on 27-41-21. This year he had 290 acres under crop which yielded 16 bushels to the acre, and last year's crop, on 200 acres, yielded an average of 25 bushels of wheat to the acre. He has erected a fine lumber house and barn.



The above buildings are on the farm of Mr. F. L. Michael, about half a mile from Phippen, west of this town. Mr. Michael and family came from Indiana and homesteaded on 6-37-23, and then moved on to his present farm, which he purchased. This year he broke 130 acres, which will be under crop in the spring. He is well pleased with this country, as are all the immigrants from the United States, with few exceptions, and intends making his home here.



McKinnon & Co's. Ranch, at Wilkie, Sask.



A nice farm residence not far from Wilkie

Mr. Evans took up a homestead on 34-39-18, in 1906 and considerably improved the land, breaking up a large quantity. He sold the above farm recently and purchased the east half of 9-40-19, about two miles north-east of Wilkie and erected the above house this fall. The foundation measures 16 x 30 and the house contains seven rooms. It has a fine location, being situated on the banks of a small lake. He has 175 acres under cultivation and in readiness for seeding this coming spring.

Local Improvement District No. 408

This Local Improvement District comprises the country east and north of Wilkie for a distance of twenty-four miles east and eighteen miles north, bounded on the N.E. by the north Saskatchewan River, taking in the following townships and ranges:—Twp. 40, Rges. 16, 17 and 18; Twp. 41, Rges. 15, 16, 17 and 18; Twp. 42, Rges. 15, 16, 17 and 18.

The district is divided up into six Divisions with a Councillor for each division, namely:—

Division 1, Twps. 41 and 42, Rge. 15,	Councillor, E. W. Stebbing
" 2, Twp. 40, Rges. 16 & 17,	" A. F. Gowe
" 3, Twps. 41 & 42, Rges. 16,	" Capt. R. R. Lauder Chairman
" 4, Twps. 41 & 42, Rge. 17,	" F. Pambrun
" 5, Twps. 40, S. 1/2 41, Rge. 18,	" J. A. Greves
" 6, Twps. N. 1/2 41, & 42, Rge. 18,	" W. Wallace

The soil is of dark loam, sub-soil running from six inches to one foot in depth with chocolate clay bottom. There is little doubt that the soil is of the best grade for raising wheat and cereals of all kinds.

Only a few of the disadvantages have been experienced here by the settlers compared to the many in Ontario and Manitoba, where year after year their crops were severely injured by being badly frozen, where as each year sees such dangers minimized in this surrounding district, due to the large amount of cultivation which has taken place by the settlers, all of whom are optimistic of the country they have possessed.

The district can be divided into two sections. 1. — The southern section is Prairie Land with its heavy soil suitable for

cereal cultivation. 2. — The northern and eastern section is of a hilly and woody nature with lighter soil, much sought after for mixed farming. All through these hills may be seen many beautiful and picturesque farms and homes of those who had pluck enough to leave over-crowded cities and towns to seek their fortune, and they do not regret their venture.

The all-important essential of life, viz: Water! is to be found easily anywhere, ranging in depth from 15 to 50 feet, averaging about 30 feet. Surface water in the shape of small lakes and creeks is abundant. The well water is of the best quality—healthy and sweet—liked by human beings and animals, although it must be confessed somewhat hard for washing, which many a homesteader found out when he had

to wash his own clothes for the first time in his life some years ago. The influx throughout the district has been abnormal in the last few years, so much that the Dominion homesteading lands are few and far between. The odd sections in some of the divisions belong to the C.P.R. but farmers are purchasing these by quarters and halves in great numbers yearly. The price of land is rapidly advancing. Where the value was \$6.00 per acre four years ago, it now ranges from \$15.00 to \$20.00.

Dominion Department of Indian Affairs reserved for three tribes part of three townships in this district, but of recent years they decided to move these tribes further north and throw open these townships to incoming agricultural settlers. This year one of these townships was thrown open and as a test of the value of the land was taken up immediately.

Crops through this district have surprised the outside world. Where crop failure in other districts had been general on account of drought, in these townships results have been excellent, averaging slightly over 20 bushels to the acre, going as

high as 33 bushels on well worked land, which compares favorably with other raw prairie land.

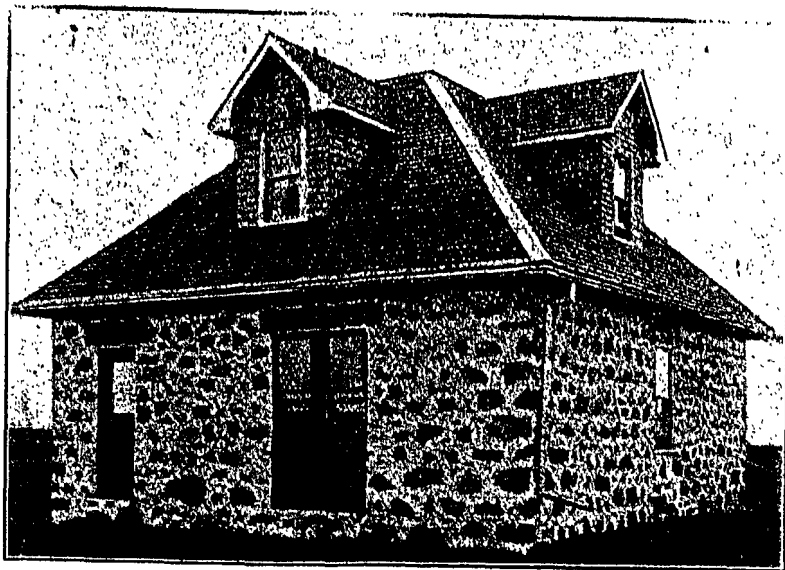
The change in the appearance of the prairie is as much due to the class of buildings now being erected as in the great amount of cultivation done. On all sides are to be seen good substantial stone and frame houses and barns going up in the place of the old sod ("Saskatchewan Brick") shacks and small log huts; signs that the settlers are contented and mean to stay. Fortunately for this fine country the class of farmer is of the

best type, being mainly drawn from Eastern Canada, Great Britain and the United States.

So far, the L. I. D. has not been in a position to make many permanent improvements but since the organization of Rural Municipality and Local Improvement Districts this year, the district has been placed on a good sound basis with great prospects in the near future, so that the much felt need of good roads for hauling grain and other farm products, is being taken up by the District Council, some of which have already been completed.

C. H. Martin.

Sec.-Treas. L.I.D. No. 408



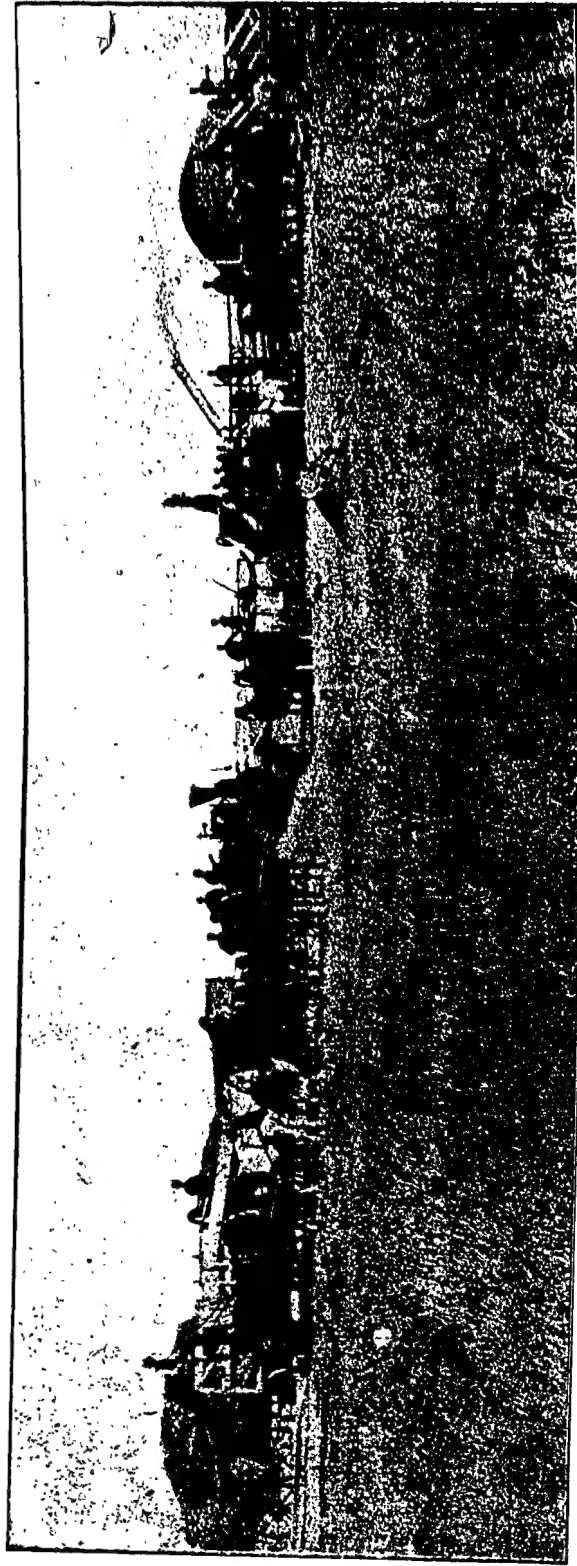
Residence of A. Fisher, Starview

Stone house erected by Mr. Arthur Fisher on 2-41-19. Mr. Fisher took his land up in 1906 and erected sod buildings, two years later he purchased the adjoining quarter section and built present house. This year he had 270 acres of land under crop and possesses 7 head of horses, also colts, cows, calves, poultry and a complete agricultural outfit.



Farm of C. H. Martin, Starview

The above land, situate N. E. 6-41-18 was taken up in January, 1908, by Mr. C. H. Martin, Sec.-Treas of Local Improvement District No. 408. This spring, Mr. Martin had 100 acres of land under cultivation, yielding a splendid average to the acre in wheat.



W. S. Thompson's Threshing Outfit at work this season, near Wilkie. Mr. Thompson, who took up a homestead in 1906, on the N.E. 34-40-18, about 9 miles north-east of Wilkie, is one of the most progressive and enterprising farmers in this district. He purchased the above outfit this year and also ran a steam plow in connection with same. This season he broke over 700 acres in 27 days and last fall threshed over 35,500 bushels of grain (principally wheat) in 16 days. He executed excellent work with both outfits to the entire satisfaction of his customers and has been offered more breaking for 1911, than he can possibly handle, which speaks volumes.

Districts to the South of the Town of Wilkie

The country to the south of Wilkie is comprised of the Re-ford, Coblenz, Gettysburg and Tramping Lake Districts, and is one of the largest and most fertile stretches of land in Western Canada.

This country, of between three and four years settlement, is thickly populated by a good class of farmers, comprised mostly of Canadians and Americans. The land in these districts is slightly heavier than to the North, and is an ideal one for the growing of all kinds of grain.

A trip through these districts would be an eye-opener to most outsiders, as the amount of land cultivated, and the class of buildings which are mostly frame and of good, substantial appearance, would indeed be a surprise.

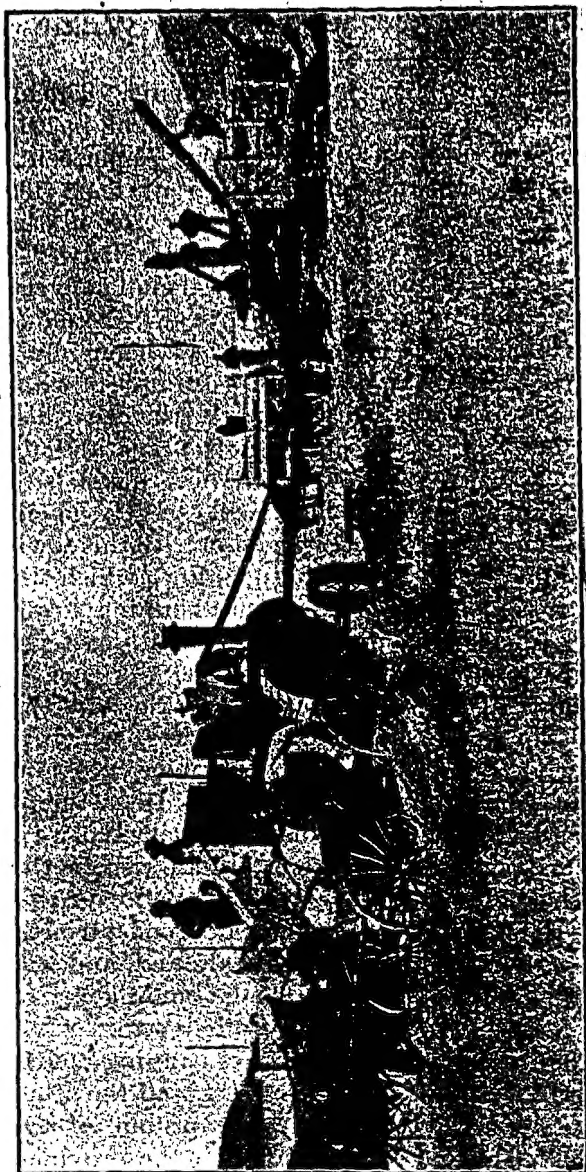
The crops in these districts in the last few years have been remarkable, both for the large yield, and the quality of grain produced. This part of the country has suffered little, if any, from the effects of drought, frost or hail, and immunity from these drawbacks, together with the excellent soil, has insured good crops every year.

In the Gettysburg District three years ago, one threshing machine supplied the needs of the farmers at harvest time. During the year 1910, no less than four machines, owned by local men, were scarcely able to

cope with the demand. The increase in cultivated land in 1910 over 1909 was over 75 per cent., and an increase of at least 100 per cent. is looked for in the season of 1911. This district is organizing a rural mail delivery and also a rural telephone service, and what is being done here is only an example of what is taking place in the other districts, or of what has already been done. These districts to the south will shortly be in direct connection with this town by the branch lines which the C. P. R. intend running from Wilkie south and south-easterly as soon as possible.

The map of Wilkie and the surrounding districts, which is enclosed in this pamphlet, and issued by the Land Department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, shows that Wilkie will be the main distributing point for this vast territory of good farming and agricultural land and will also be the next coming city of Western Saskatchewan.

The two lines running South, one to Kerrobert, and the other to Anglia, will tap some of the best wheat land in the Province, and in the event of the Hudson Bay Railroad being built, connections from Wilkie to the north will be the shortest route of shipping grain to that port. Future developments in this part of the country will be well worth watching.



Muldoon's Threshing Outfit at work this year.

Mr. Jas. Muldoon took up a homestead on 36-40-19 in the Starview district and has made splendid headway in his farming operations. He first ran a threshing outfit in 1909 and met with success throughout the season. This year he purchased a new separator. He had a large run this year, and with the large amount of breaking done this season in the surrounding districts, threshermen will be busy next fall.

Good Opening for a Grist Mill at Wilkie, Sask.

There is a first-class opening in this Town for the establishment and operation of a grist mill. The map enclosed will show that Wilkie will be one of the best railway distributing points in Saskatchewan. With the good farming country surrounding the town upon all sides it should and would, receive ample support. There are openings for other industries as well. For further information apply to the Wilkie Board of Trade.

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